

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 19, and 21-25 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is currently amended. Claims 2-18 and 20 are canceled. New claims 21-25 are added.

New matter is not being added to the application by way of this amendment. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claims 1, 2, and 3. Support for new claims 21-24 may be found, for example, in original claim 3, and at page 5 of the specification. Support for new claim 25 may be found, for example, at page 15, line 2 of the specification. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner has required an election of species in the present application between species 1-6.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species 1, with traverse. All of the pending claims read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that once the elected species is found allowable, the Examiner is required to expand the search in an effort to find all of the species allowable.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$60.00 is attached hereto.

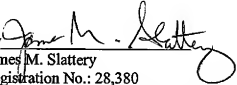
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark Konieczny, (Registration No. 47,715) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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